Recovery of difference between sale price of imports and retention price of imports

651. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under Para 5 of Drugs prices Control Order, 1979, the difference between the sale price of imports for scale and retention price of imports, based on landed cost plus return, was to be recovered;

(b). if so, what is the total amount recovered;

(c) what were the approximate imports during each year from 1980 onwards upto the announcement of DPCO, 1987;

(d) whether his Ministry has worked out the amount overcharged by the importers; and

(e) what is the total amount overcharged and how much has been recovered so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) Paragraph 5 of DPCO, 1979 refers to the power to fix maximum sales price of new bulk drug and it does not contemplate for recovery of any amount from the drug manufactures.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Special team to work out overcharged amounts

652. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times on 8th July, 1989 captioned "Drug companies returning money";

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has set up a special team to work out the dues from every drug company which overcharged the consumers and violated the provisions of DPCO, 1979.

(c) what is the time period allowed for this purpose;

(d) whether his Ministry has finalised the names of drug companies which overcharged the consumers under DPCO, 1979;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof;

(f) whether it is also a fact that the amount over charged by IDPL will also be worked out by the special team;

(g) if so, what are the names of drugs that came to the notice of his Ministry where IDPL overcharged; and

what is the total amount due under DPEA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Special Team was constituted to determine the amount recoverable from the companies involved in the Supreme Court cases.

(c) No time period has been fixed.

(d) and (e) The detailed information shall be laid on the Table of House after the Team has completed its work.